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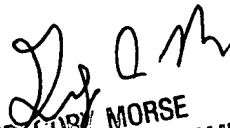
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Attorney Stier requested status of an after-final amendment and a notice of appeal filed in October 2004. The Examiner stated that the PALM system shows the filing of the amendment, but not the Notice of Appeal, while the IFW file shows the Notice of Appeal but not the amendment. Applicant might therefore wish to call and verify that all submitted papers have been properly recorded. It is noted that, since Appelants are permitted a five-month extension to the two-month period for submitting Appeal Briefs after properly filing a Notice of Appeal, the case should not be in danger of the case being declared as abandoned until May 2005..


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